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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

February 8 - Licensing sub committee
C, 5.30pm; Best Value Review Team
Personalisation of Adult Social Care, 7pm.
February 13 - Overview and Scrutiny, 7pm.

More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings

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Arrival of charter confirms our A proud day

GREENWICH is now a Royal Borough. Her Majesty The Queen bestowed the status on Friday as one of the first actions to mark her Diamond Jubilee year.

The honour triggered a weekend of celebrations in Woolwich, Eltham and Greenwich town centres, as people joined in the fun as dozens of special events took place.

On Friday Cllr Chris Roberts, the Leader of Greenwich Council, and Cllr Jim Gillman, the Mayor, delivered the Royal Charter with its Great Seal attached to the town hall. The document, signed by The Queen, formally confirmed the borough's royal status.

It was presented to the Mayor and the council leader during a ceremony in the Queen's Robing Room in the House of Lords.

Royal Borough status is purely honorific and granted by the Sovereign as an exceptional mark of Royal favour. It confers no additional funding or powers but the accolade will help the council to promote the borough as a visitor destination boosting tourism and investment into the local economy.

Cllr Roberts said: "This is a proud day for Greenwich and its people, and reflects centuries of close associations between the borough and the Monarchy."

"It is a great honour for the borough to receive the Royal Charter during Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee year, and today's announcement heralds the start of a truly unique year in the borough's history."

"Greenwich has many features that lead it to be recognised across the globe – the Prime Meridian, Greenwich Mean Time, its magnificent buildings as well as open spaces and the riverfront. In so many elements of Greenwich's heritage, we can trace a strong royal link – from royal patronage of the arts, science and exploration, through the Monarchy's links with the military and the Ordnance, to the ongoing support given by members of the Royal Family to community and



voluntary organisations in the borough.

"Together with our role later this year in hosting the 2012 London Games, Royal Greenwich is proud to take centre stage for this special year, which will create a legacy for local residents that will last for generations to come. Our weekend of celebrations showcased all the current and future inward investment, tourist and job opportunities that Royal Greenwich has to offer."

The weekend's celebrations included a musical fireworks display, roving entertainers, a falconry display and costumed characters along with a lantern procession and special tours of the Queens House and the Royal Observatory.

People also had the chance to view the Royal Charter at the Eltham Centre in Archery Road on Saturday as part of the weekend's celebrations.

Honourable boost for tourism and business

THE honour of becoming a Royal Borough is a huge commercial boost for Greenwich. Its strong links with Royalty go back at least 800 years, and together with the Olympic and Paralympic events taking place here this year, it is set to become the "must see" place to go in 2012.

In fact, the influential tourist guide Frommer's has made the Royal Borough the only UK destination listed in the top ten global places to visit in 2012.

Businesses are already gearing up for the huge influx of visitors expected this year. The Olympics will attract thousands of spectators, athletes and officials. And now, the significance of the new Royal Borough status looks certain to encourage thousands more tourists, keen to re-tread the steps where kings and queens once walked over hundreds of years.

More than 18 million visitors already visit Greenwich every year.

Tourism is worth £774 million to the local economy and is a major source of local employment, helping to support more than 8,000 jobs.

Cllr Chris Roberts, Leader of Greenwich Council in the Royal Borough of Greenwich said: "Our new Royal Borough status will drive forward our record levels of regeneration and cement our role as a key international destination for businesses and visitors from across the globe."

Royal Borough congratulations

Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford told Greenwich.co.uk: "I am delighted that Her Majesty the Queen has bestowed on Greenwich the honour of being designated a Royal Borough. This is a recognition of the close links which have existed between the Monarch and our borough over many centuries. The designation could not come at a better time as we are preparing to welcome visitors from all over the world to celebrate the 2012 Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee."

status as the Royal Borough of Greenwich for Greenwich

Greenwich is fourth to become royal borough

GREENWICH is only the fourth borough to be granted royal status.

The others are Windsor and Maidenhead, granted royal status in the early 12th century; Kensington and Chelsea which became a royal borough in 1901, and Kingston upon Thames, designated in 1927.

The new honour means goodbye to the former London Borough of Greenwich. This was created in 1965 by the amalgamation of the Metropolitan Borough of Greenwich with most of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to the east. The

former North Woolwich, north of the river, became part of the London Borough of Newham.

The old metropolitan boroughs of Greenwich and Woolwich ran from 1900 to 1965, after being created by the London Government Act of 1899 as sub-divisions of the County of London.

The Arms granted to the London Borough of Greenwich in 1965 were taken from the hour glass and radiated stars from the arms of the Metropolitan Borough of Greenwich, symbolising the place where the standard of time is taken, and the three cannon

barrels taken from the arms of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich, signifying its links with the Royal Arsenal.

The name Charlton was briefly considered for the borough instead of Greenwich. And Greenwich itself was once turned down for city status. Had it been accepted, the borough would have been known as the City of Greenwich, similar to the City of Westminster.

The Royal Borough is twinned with Tema in Ghana, Reinickendorf in Berlin, and Maribor in Slovenia.



A STRONG CASE: Royal Borough Greenwich's leader Chris Roberts and Mayor Cllr Jim Gillman inspect the charter. Above left, the document at the town hall, and below, locals drop into Woolwich to have a look for themselves



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Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee Annual Return for the year ended 31/03/11 Notice of conclusion of the audit & right to inspect the Annual Return

**Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/533)
as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment)
(England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/564)**

The audit of accounts for the Eltham Crematorium for the year ended 31st March 2011 has been concluded.

The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector for Greenwich, Bexley and Dartford local authority areas on application to Fiona Coutinho, Finance Manager, Finance Directorate, Chief Executive's Department, 3rd Floor, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, London SE18 6HQ (telephone 020 8921 2823) between 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays from Monday 13th February 2012 to Friday 9th March 2012, when any local government elector may make copies of the Annual Return.

Hard copies of the Annual Return will be provided to any local government elector for Greenwich, Bexley and Dartford local authority areas on payment of £1 for each copy. The Annual Return is also available to download free of charge from the Greenwich Council website at www.greenwich.gov.uk/budgets

Announcement made by:
Fiona Coutinho, Finance Manager
Date of announcement: 7th February 2012

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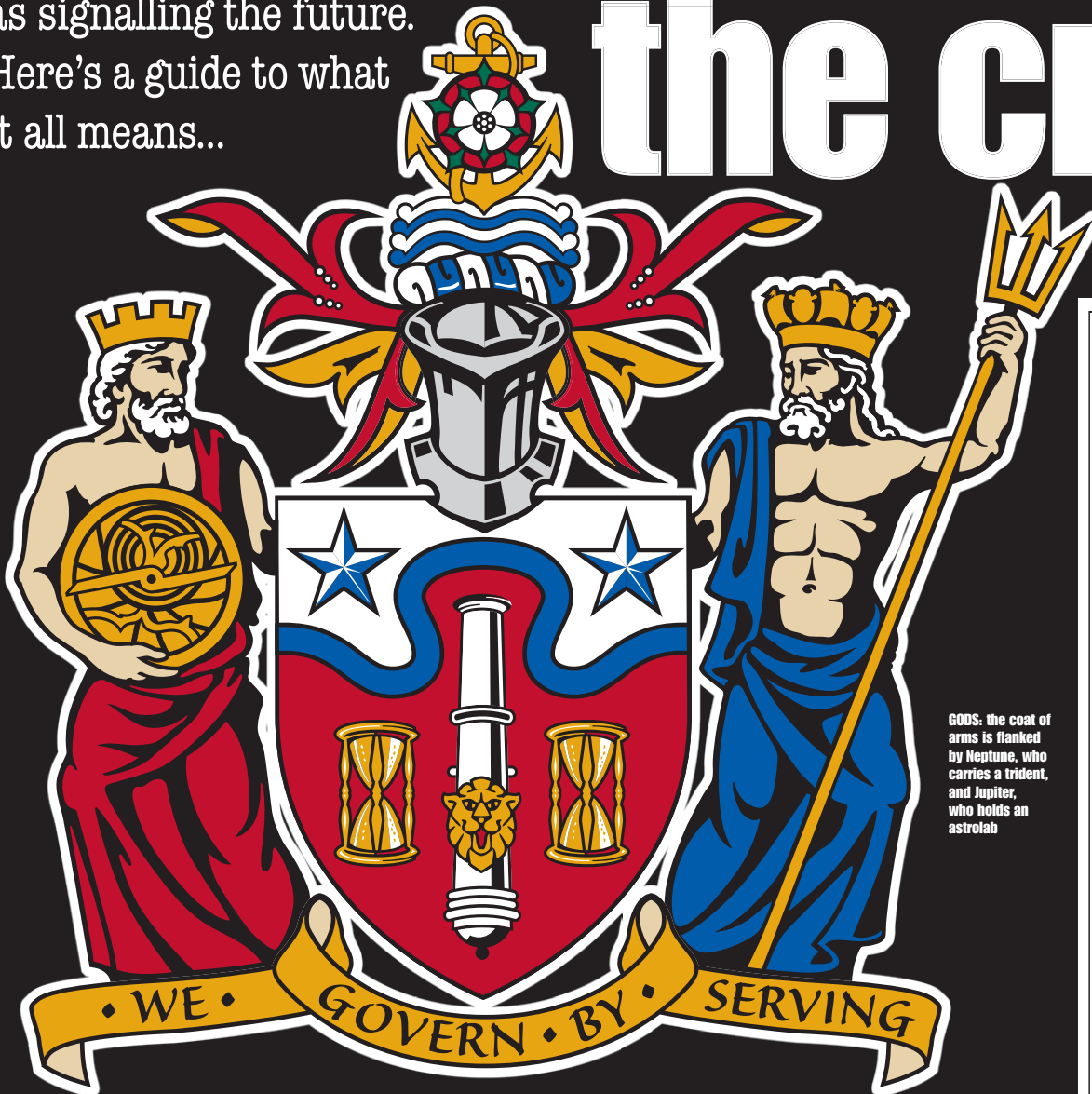
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THE Royal Borough of Greenwich's new coat of arms comes into service this week. The crest marks the borough's long and illustrious history as well as signalling the future. Here's a guide to what it all means...

Best of the crest



GODS: the coat of arms is flanked by Neptune, who carries a trident, and Jupiter, who holds an astrolab

THE TUDOR ROSE represents the Royal Borough's long associations with royalty - special dispensation has been granted for its use. Its combination with the anchor alludes to the significant role in royal shipbuilding during Tudor times.

AN ANCHOR AND SEA motif represents the strong maritime traditions in the Royal Borough. This combination of elements is unique to Greenwich and is required to make the crest distinctive.

THE ARMOURIAL HELMET is the centrepiece of the crest (the crest is the part of the coat of arms above the shield). Special dispensation has been given to use a

forward-facing helmet - this is usually reserved for the royal household.

ROMAN GODS - Jupiter, God of the Sky and Thunder, and Neptune, the God of Water and the Sea. Jupiter is shown carrying an astrolab while Neptune is carrying the more familiar trident. The two gods are associated with the Royal Borough through its unique associations with astronomy and maritime history. Each supporter wears a Crown - Jupiter, the Crown of an Army General; Neptune, an Admiral's crown. These represent the Royal Borough's proud association with both the Army and Royal Navy.

THE SHIELD retains a number of elements of the current borough shield - the division

of colour with red at the bottom and white at the top, the use of the cannon, hourglass and star motifs. Additionally it adds a new element - a symbolic representation of the Thames in the form of the dividing line. This is a rare concession in heraldry granted personally by The Garter King of Arms and unique to the Royal Borough.

STARS represent astronomy, the hourglass the unique status of Greenwich as the home of time and the Royal Cannon, the Royal Arsenal.

MOTTO - the space given to the motto is larger and is seen to provide a base and support to the coat of arms as a whole. The current motto remains unchanged.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Section 11(A) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that at a meeting on the 25th January 2012 Greenwich Council resolved, for the year 2012/13;

- to set at 10% for the whole of its area the level of council tax discount on properties falling within the definitions of Class A and Class B of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003;
- to set at 0% for the whole of its area the level of council tax discount on properties falling within the definitions of Class C of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003.

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Richard Wood, Borough Commander of Greenwich Police, said: "I am proud to be the Borough Commander for Greenwich and glad I will be here to lead my officers and staff to police it in the exciting times ahead of us. The Royal Borough will play a central role in London's hosting of the 2012 Olympic Games - there are a number of challenges for us which I know we can meet. Our aim is to deliver a world class police service fit for a Royal Borough."



Freya Miller from Blackheath High School, who is the chair of Greenwich Young People's Council, said: "I believe that the Royal Borough status of Greenwich, coupled with the Olympics in 2012, is an exciting prospect for the young people of our community. If the anticipated growth in business and tourism takes place, I would hope that young people will discover new opportunities and long lasting benefits in terms of employment, training and experience."



Bob Love, Chair of Governors for Heronsgate Primary School in Winchat Road, Woolwich, said: "This is a prestigious occasion, and a memorable one for the children. With this coming in Olympic year, it's happening all at the same time and this will mean good kudos for Greenwich. I'm sure more tourists will be encouraged to come here now that it's 'Royal'."

Okay, so n

Residents are proud citizens

Peggy Smith and Kathy Blake from Greenwich were admiring the Royal Charter. "It's lovely and it's beautiful," said Peggy. "Hopefully being a Royal Borough will mean a boost for everything in Greenwich. And Kathy added: "I've been looking forward to it, and it makes you feel really good."



Colonel Cyril Young, Deputy Lieutenant for Greenwich and the Queen's representative, is pictured with the Queen when she opened the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in 2001. He said: "That HM Queen Elizabeth has honoured our borough by granting us the right to call ourselves royal is very special to me as over the past 13 years I



have had the privilege of receiving the Queen on a number of occasions and presenting our mayor and the hosts of the various events at the start of each visit. It makes me very proud that her visits and those of the Duke of Edinburgh, who also holds the title Baron Greenwich, have convinced her of the special and historic links with our borough."

OW it's official!

of the new Royal Borough of Greenwich



Peter and Rosemary Roper from Eltham had spent the morning enjoying the celebrations at Eltham Palace and had come to the Centre to see the Royal Charter. Said Peter: "It was a very good show this morning and we are going to see the tree planting in Well Hall Pleasaunce later. Having Royal status is very good for the borough, and hopefully it will lead to more pride in the place and make people more conscious of the environment with less litter being dropped."



Richard Weekes, who runs children's chess clubs, said: "When I moved to Plumstead a few years ago I soon realised how tranquil the surroundings were. I'm quite fascinated by the Royal and Naval history of the area and of course Greenwich is the birthplace of both Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. At Shooters Hill for example, there are spectacular views towards London's heartland,

and from nearby Plum Lane you can see Canary Wharf, the Dome and the curves of the River Thames close by. I teach chess to children in local schools and operate three junior chess clubs in Plumstead, Woolwich and Eltham. This gives me lots of opportunity to move around Greenwich where I can enjoy many historical aspects and the variety of elegant architecture on offer in the borough.



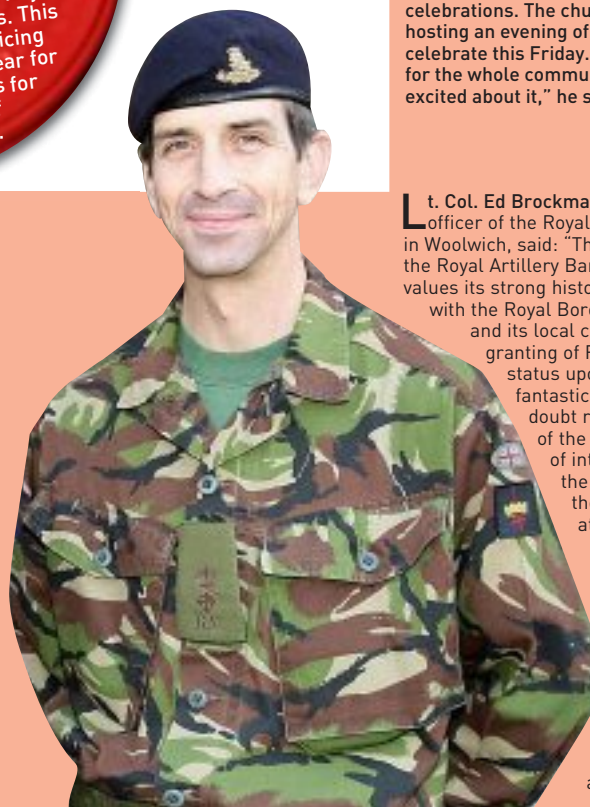
Cathy Williams from Plumstead was showing the Royal Charter to her daughter Sienna, seven, and nephew Ethan, four. She said: "This is a nice thing to happen in what are difficult times, and being a Royal Borough will increase tourism."

BROTHERS Andrew and Samuel Awolola were at the Eltham Centre to view the Royal Charter with Andrew's son Adam, six, and Samuel's son Emmanuel. "This event is a great promotion for the borough," said Samuel. "I've never seen a Royal Charter before, and it's a great thrill."

Royal Borough congratulations

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson told Greenwich.co.uk: "Greenwich is a London borough of global significance; the home of time, a Unesco World Heritage Site, not to mention its close links to the Royal Family since the Middle Ages. This royal honour is surely the icing on the cake of a fantastic year for Greenwich as it prepares for a role at the heart of the London Games".

Bryn McNeil, a member of ACE, the Association of Commerce for Eltham, said: "Business owners in Eltham Town Centre need all the help they can get, given current times, so the Royal Borough status will be very helpful from a branding and marketing point of view. The new street signs and street banners give a lively feel and make a positive difference. Eltham is undergoing massive change with all local secondary schools rebuilt, a town centre hotel on the way, a town centre hospital walk in facility on the way and plans for a continuing massive Town Centre upgrade. This plus a real Royal Palace / Art Deco attraction and the world's oldest golf course, along with a Royal Borough status, is all helping Eltham on its way back to being one of the best communities in London."



Lt. Col. Ed Brockman, commanding officer of the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich, said: "The Army based at the Royal Artillery Barracks very much values its strong historical connections with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and its local community. The granting of Royal Borough status upon Greenwich is fantastic news and will no doubt raise awareness of the numerous places of interest within the area, including the front parade at the barracks. Those based at the barracks look forward to continuing the long association with the Royal Borough and engaging and contributing to the success and prosperity of the area."



Terrry Powley, chair of the Greenwich Parks Friends Forum, said: "Greenwich is already renowned for the high quality of its parks, pleasaunces and commons. It is my hope that the borough's new status will confer an even higher profile on, and give a greater protection to, our parks and open spaces."

Royal Borough congratulations

As reported by Greenwich.co.uk, the Mayor of Kingston upon Thames, Councillor Patrick Codd said: "I am delighted that the Queen has honoured the borough of Greenwich by bestowing it with royal status. In recognition of this very special honour, the three other Royal Boroughs are delighted to be hosting a special celebration for the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich in March".

David Adabale, is head of media communications at the New Wine Church in John Wilson Street, which supported the weekend's Royal Borough celebrations. The church is also hosting an evening of entertainment to celebrate this Friday. "It's a celebration for the whole community. We are very excited about it," he said.

Our royal connections

GREENWICH has been a royal manor since the early 15th century. There has been an association with individual monarchs, and other members of the Royal family since the 15th century. Perhaps most well-known is Henry VIII, who was born at Greenwich Palace in 1491 before his accession to the throne in 1509. Consequently the borough is dotted with local palaces and grand houses that were once homes or retreats to kings and queens leaving us with a host of historic sites with royal associations...



BEJEWELLED: Elizabeth was born in Greenwich in 1533, main pic, the Royal Military Academy

Royal births, deaths and marriages

- Royal births at Greenwich Tudors
 - 1491 Henry VIII
 - 1499 Edward
 - 1516 Mary
 - 1533 Elizabeth
 - 1536 Ann Boleyn miscarried
- Stuarts
 - 1605 Mary
 - 1606 Sophia
- Births at Eltham
 - 1316 John
- Christenings
 - 1480 Catherine and Bridget, 6th and 7th daughters of Edward IV
 - Marriages at Eltham
 - 1403 Henry IV married by proxy to Joan of Navarre
 - Marriages at Greenwich
 - 1509 Henry VIII to Katherine of Aragon
 - 1540 Henry VIII to Anne of Cleves
 - Deaths at Greenwich
 - 1553 Edward VI



SO MANY WIVES: portrait of King Henry VIII

Buildings with regal links

- Royal Blackheath Golf Club Founded 1716, granted the use of the word 'royal' in their title in 1901.
- Charlton House 1607 Built by Adam
- Royal Hospital Schools, 1806 Queens House used by Royal Naval Asylum, a school for the sons and daughters of Seamen. 1937 buildings opened as National Maritime Museum by George VI.
- Royal Military Academy

Founded 1741 in the Royal Arsenal.

Moved to Woolwich Common 1806.

- Royal Armoury c.1515

Founded by Henry VIII at Greenwich.

- Royal Dockyards Woolwich

founded in 1512 by Henry VIII.

- Royal Naval College, formally

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich founded by William & Mary as a charity for Royal Naval pensioners 1694.

- Royal Observatory Founded by Charles II in 1676. Astronomers Royal have included Flamsteed, Halley and Airy.
- Greenwich Park, enclosed by the park enclosed by Humphrey Duke

of Gloucester in 1433. In 1447 the park became property of the Crown on Humphrey's death. 1510 Park stocked with deer for Henry VIII.

● Eltham Palace in King John's Walk, Eltham, is a 1930s Art Deco house which has the remains of a medieval and Tudor palace, which was the boyhood home of King Henry VIII.

● The Queen's House in Greenwich, completed around 1638, was a summer villa for Queen Henrietta Maria, the wife of Charles I.

● Woolwich Market received its charter from the Crown in 1619.

● Greenwich Market was granted a Royal Charter in 1700.

Newton, tutor to Henry Prince of Wales.

- Queen Elizabeth Hospital opened by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother in 1978.

- Royal Arsenal, Woolwich

fireworks manufactured at Tower Place, Woolwich, in 1696.

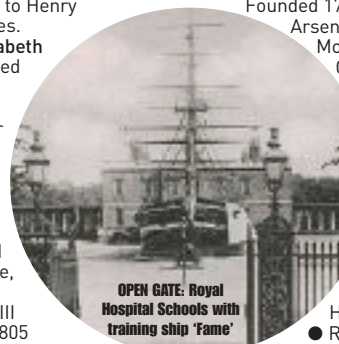
George III visited site in 805

and suggested name be changed from The Warren to The Arsenal, from then on known as the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich.

- Royal Artillery

Founded 1716. First barracks 1720 on the Royal Arsenal site. New barracks built on Woolwich Common 1781-1802.

- Royal Herbert Hospital opened 1865, granted Royal status in 1900 when Queen Victoria visited soldiers from the Boer War.



OPEN GATE: Royal Hospital Schools with training ship 'Fame'



GREEN FIELDS: the Royal Artillery Barracks

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All ship-shape for the Royals

Pupils set sail for boat design contest to celebrate jubilee

PUPILS from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School were thrilled to bits when they met television stars as part of a new project to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

They spent last Tuesday morning (Jan 31) at Discover Greenwich at the Old Royal Naval College for the launch of Start Imagining, a project inspired by the Prince of Wales designed to help children become more creative.

The project's focus is on 'upcycling' by transforming junk like empty cereal packs into stylish art items.

It has been inspired by the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant, where up to 1,000 boats will journey down the River Thames on June 3 as part of celebrations marking The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Youngsters are being asked to create a boat or ship using reclaimed materials. The creators of the winning boat will receive a tour of London, and a special visit to the Old Royal Naval College.

Twelve children from Years 3 and 4 at the Greenwich school took part in the launch event and wore 'recycled' sailors' hats and collars. They met actress and celebrity baker Angela Griffin, arts and crafts expert Mister Maker from CBeebies and actress Martha Howe-Douglas from CBBC's Horrible Histories. All three stars have come onboard to support Start Imagining and judge entries for a competition called 'From Tip To Ship' to make a model from junk.

A report on the visit was written by Scarlett, David and Miles from Year 4. Scarlett said: "We made letters for a boat

and got all dressed up in a white t-shirt and blue jeans and a sailor hat. Three of us were interviewed by BBC London. They asked us what was happening on Friday and we told them Greenwich is becoming a Royal Borough."

Their schoolmates were just as excited. "It was lovely to have the chance to be really imaginative," said Lily O'Connor. Sarnica

Sivananthan added: "The whole time was fascinating and Mister Maker was brilliant." And Aaron Babula said: "We had a great time."

Headteacher Catherine Green said: It's a very exciting project for the children and they had a most wonderful time. The children were brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed their experience."

Borough BRIEFS

Public talks on library plans

NEW proposals for libraries will be discussed at a series of meetings this week. Meetings take place between 7 and 8pm on Tuesday, February 7 at the Eltham Centre; Thursday, February 9 at the Woolwich Gallery in the Woolwich Centre and Friday, February 10 at West Greenwich Library.

Fairtrade Fortnight event hosts wanted

ORGANISATIONS and community groups are being encouraged to run events for Fairtrade Fortnight later this month. It's running from Monday, February 27 to Sunday, March 11 and there'll be a series of events and initiatives to celebrate. Greenwich was awarded Fairtrade status in 2006 for its commitment to supporting Fairtrade. Locals are encouraged to take part and help promote this year's national initiative. Please email dan.stephens@greenwich.gov.uk or for more information visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/fairtrade

Royal Borough congratulations

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles MP, told Greenwich.co.uk: "I am delighted to send my congratulations to Greenwich. I am sure that the new status will strengthen the feeling of civic pride, and will give a focus around which you can all unite in celebration during this eventful year. When the eyes of the world are on London for the Olympics, I am sure the new Royal Borough of Greenwich will do a great job in showing off the best that Britain has to offer."

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Picture this!

GT readers delved into their memories and scrapbooks to share their royal reminiscences. ROD KITSON went to meet them...

DENNIS JOHNSON, Sidcup:

"I lived at Claremont Street in Greenwich when this picture was taken in 1935.

"I was five years old at the time, and everyone from the neighbourhood had come out for a street party to celebrate King George V's silver jubilee. I remember I stuffed my face with

more food than I'd ever seen before!

"In the picture I'm the lad third up on the right with a spoon in my mouth.

"I'm 82 years old now, I used to go to Randall Place school as it was called back then - I believe it's the James Wolfe primary these days."



JOHN VEARY: "I took this at the Queen's visit in 1977 in old Greenwich near the old town hall. My daughter is in the picture - she's the tall uniformed schoolgirl in the foreground, left of Her Majesty."



SOPHIE LEWIS, Woolwich: "I took this picture of Prince Charles when he came to unveil the statue of the Duke of Wellington at the Arsenal in June 2005."

HRH PRINCESS ANNE visited Greenwich on September 7 2005 to pay tribute to the Gipsy Moth IV before it went on its round-the-world voyage to celebrate 40 years since Sir Francis Chichester first performed the feat. **JOAN HARBOTTLE, 80, from**

Charlton took these snaps. She said: "Princess Anne went for a sail on the Gipsy Moth before coming ashore for a look around the Cutty Sark. I waited for hours with lots of other people to see her. It was really very informal - she was ever so good with people.

She was very relaxed and was shaking hands with everyone.

"The Gipsy Moth biplane was there too - Sir Francis Chichester named his boat after that plane."



TREE'S COMPANY AS MORE OF THE 2012 SAPLINGS START TO TAKE ROOT...



ACES OF SPADES: Eltham MP Clive Efford and Royal Borough of Greenwich leader Chris Roberts get stuck alongside pupils

Trees to treasure

A DELIGHTFUL tree-planting session involving pupils from Henwick primary school in Eltham was highlighted when young Tomi asked Royal Borough of Greenwich leader Chris Roberts: "Are you friends with the Queen then?"

The children were getting stuck into the latest planting of the 2012 trees starting life as the Royal Borough celebrates the Olympic and Paralympic Games coming here later in the year.

Yasmin told GT: "I can look at these trees every day with my family when I walk to school. This has been really exciting, something for my local area to be proud of."

Elizabeth said: "I am so glad I wore my wellies because I helped to stamp the soil around the new trees to make sure they stood up straight without a wobble."

Liam added: "Digging the soil and planting these new trees will be very good for our environment and I can watch them grow and grow over the years."

Gabriel said: "I knew helping my dad on his allotment would come in useful one day. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the Royal Borough and the Olympic trees, especially in Eltham," Cheeky Tomi

by Peter Cordwell

said: "It has been great fun, especially getting muddy and I have offered to be councillor Roberts's gardener."

Reece said: "I live near to where we have planted these trees so I can watch them grow and show my family and friends. I will always be able to remember I planted trees in 2012 for Greenwich and Eltham."

Jacob added: "I have never planted a tree before so it was really exciting, especially adding the manure with Mr Efford. In years to come I will be able to say I helped to plant those trees."

Riju said: "I liked getting muddy and learning about the new trees. I will show my family and we will watch them grow." Headteacher

Ann Robertson said: "The children were so excited and proud to be a part of Greenwich's 2012 and Royal Borough celebrations, although they were not sure they would manage planting 2,012 trees in one day!"

Ann added: "Digging, planting new trees, spreading the manure and getting muddy was all great fun and a wonderful learning experience."

Eltham MP Clive Efford, who has been a governor at Henwick since 1986, also got digging. He said: "It's great to get children involved in initiatives like this. We have lost birds which used to be commonplace in the area and it's really good to encourage young people in particular to understand the importance of biodiversity and how we need to protect our environment."



RAKING IT OVER: time for a spot of tidying up after saplings have been planted

A poplar decision!

A BLACK POPLAR tree was planted in Well Hall Pleasaunce on Saturday afternoon to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

The planting ceremony was attended by Cllr Chris Roberts the leader of the Royal Borough's council, the Mayor Cllr Jim Gillman, and Colonel Cyril Young, the Deputy Lieutenant for Greenwich and the Queen's representative.

Saplings of the black poplar have been given to every London borough by conservationist Roger Jefcoate to the mark the Royal year. Cllr Gillman joined other mayors when the trees were handed over at a special ceremony in Holland

Park. The idea is to plant them in time to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee in June.

The tree is 4ft high. Black poplars used to be common in the UK, and their hard wood was used for, among other things, manufacturing rifle butts. Today the trees are considered an endangered species. The Queen has recognised this, and has had saplings planted on her estates and in the Royal Parks.

Black poplar wood has been identified in floorboards and arrows on Henry VIII's warship, the Mary Rose. The tree also appears in John Constable's famous 1821 painting 'The Hay Wain'.



DIGGING IN: leader of Royal Borough of Greenwich Chris Roberts fills in black poplar with young friend

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drops in for the night in
General Gordon Square as
the new borough crest is
projected on to the wall
behind him.
Photo: O2, Matt Kent



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WHAT A MOMENTOUS WEEKEND: (clockwise from left) children at the Eltham Centre get in the mood by donning crowns; Tudor rose is held aloft at the Tudor Barn; a young lady practices her jousting skills on a hobby horse; Court Road has a new-look sign; birds of a feather flock to Eltham Palace's costumed shindig, and Royal Borough Greenwich's leader Chris Roberts joins children at Well Hall Pleasaunce

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT MATTERS Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, Regulation 17 (as amended)

Notice of Intention to Consult on each of the Draft Charlton Riverside, Eltham Town Centre, Greenwich Peninsula West and Woolwich Town Centre Masterplan Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

Greenwich Council is inviting public representations on the four draft masterplan Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) for Charlton Riverside, Eltham Town Centre, Greenwich Peninsula West and Woolwich Town Centre. The SPDs will each provide a masterplan to guide development in the areas. Greenwich Council will use these SPDs in the future determination of planning applications within the relevant area.

There will be an opportunity to find out more information about the four SPDs at our exhibitions which are being held in Woolwich, Eltham, Charlton and the Greenwich Peninsula. For more information on these exhibitions please visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/masterplans or telephone the Spatial Strategy Team on 020 8921 5877/5343.

Representations on any of the Draft Charlton Riverside, Eltham Town Centre, Greenwich Peninsula West and Woolwich Town Centre SPDs can be made between **10 February 2012 and 9 March 2012**. The documents can be viewed online at www.greenwich.gov.uk/masterplans and hardcopies of the documents are available for public inspection at the Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, London SE18 6HQ Monday - Friday between 9am and 4.30pm as well as in the following libraries:

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Adoption of Charlton Riverside, Eltham Town Centre, Greenwich Peninsula West and Woolwich Town Centre Masterplan SPDs

All representations made in accordance with timescale, methods and scope of the SPDs will be considered. The Council will prepare a statement setting out a summary of the main issues raised and how these issues have been addressed in the SPD which they intend to adopt. The adopted masterplan SPDs will be made available for inspection and notice of venues and times will be made public nearer the time. Anyone who submits a representation can request that they are subsequently notified at a specified address of the adoption of the SPDs.



SCENE

Sword lacks a cutting edge...

TAKE a dollop of Monty Python, add a sprinkling of Benny Hill and pour the odd-looking mixture onto a pantomime base. Leave to stew for an hour-and-a-half until the wits of the audience have dulled.

These were the ingredients of the musical comedy, *The Sword and The Dope*, on at the Greenwich Playhouse. But what on earth did the two chefs, writer Michael Horspool and director Matthew Gould, have in mind?

The opening number, Long, Long Ago, which went on and on, set the tone for the rest of the night. It lacked any humorous edge and was laboured and overlong. Had it not been for the actors who soldiered manfully on we would have walked out with the rest at half-time. But we stayed where we were, hoping it would improve.

Based on the legend of King Arthur and his knights - but with references to mobile phones, the story lacked structure, was disjointed and weak, consisting of a series of short scenes.

We might not have noticed had the writing been funny, but the writer - described in the programme as "stumbling into script writing" - was continuously wide of the mark. Ostensibly for adults, the humour was puerile - "I've something in the oven - I hope it's not a bun" - perhaps the funniest joke of the night. Even the narrators, Bosstock (Patrick Rowe) and Rumpkin (Sam George), a sort of mediaeval Ant and Dec, were laboured and painful and ended up by simply making matters worse. But if the humour was bad, the music was worse - from the tuneless, *The Black Knight*, He's all Right, to the rock anthem, No Matter What, with lyrics that were contrived, at best.

That the cast carried on was a credit to them all, the second half of the show perhaps weaker than the first. Energetic and diligent, they were on cue despite a continual and uncomfortable lack of laughter. Alas, no-one stood out although Will Seaward (Perceval) caught the eye, his curious accents and flamboyant acting amusing, and Jay Perry, a former S Club Junior - "currently working on a series of personal projects" - could at least sing in tune. But why Gould didn't tell Horspool to simply rewrite the script is a question that is frankly beyond me.

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THEY were an overnight success when they shot to fame in 2003 with hit single, Run.

But Snow Patrol had been going for nearly a decade before the breakthrough came.

Later this week they play a three-night stint at The O2, and the band's singer-songwriter, Gary Lightbody admits he had almost given up hope of ever making it.

"Fifteen years ago I would never have imagined playing the sort of venues we are playing now. We had been playing to a handful of people in tiny clubs up and down the British Isles, and I would have told anybody they were mental if they saw this future for us," he told *Scene*. "I'm glad that we went through that though, because it gave us perspective - we're never going to get too big for our boots because we know what it's like on the other side."

There were times when the singer thought about jacking it in and following a safer career.

"We came close to getting 'proper' jobs and doing it part time," he added. "That would have stymied a lot of things, because when you are working five days a week and doing it in the evenings you

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Snow overnight success story

Snow Patrol play *The O2* this week. But it was a long journey to the top, singer Gary Lightbody tells ROD KITSON...

PATROLLING THE SNOW2: Gary Lightbody (centre) and his band play three nights at The O2

can't put your heart and soul into it. I've no doubt we would have just petered out, but we got the luckiest break of our lives at the right time signing to Polydor and them putting their faith in us." The current tour - which stops off at the North Greenwich venue from Feb 10-12, comes on the back of the group's sixth record, *Fallen Empires*. "I've never been more proud of anything that I've done in my life," the Northern Irishman said. "It's marks the start of a new phase for Snow Patrol." The album was written in a different way from previous work. "Normally I would come up with the

structures before we came to the studio and everything would be finished," he said. "This time it was more fluid - there were no constraints at all. We went with our gut on this one, whereas in the past there was a bit more planning involved." The band have the dubious honour of counting Simon Cowell among their biggest fans. "He's been very kind to us, so it's a blessing. He's someone who's very outspoken and says what he thinks. The more people in music who say what they mean the better, because a lot of people give young singers a lot false hope. Simon Cowell at least tells it how it is."

It was under Cowell's tutelage that Leona Lewis did a version of Run. "It's an honour to be covered by anyone - unless they do an awful job of it! But she did a fantastic job and did it in her own style, she's got a bit voice and it went straight in at number one. It was our first number one hit, so we've got nothing but thanks for her." It's a far cry from when the band started out, tentatively calling themselves Polar Bear. "In the beginning we were really just looking to find a voice," the singer said. "It was a long time coming. Our first two records were quite directionless - they

were all over the place. With the third record [Final Straw] it all came together with the new label and producer Jackknife Lee who helped us find our way in the darkness and gave us confidence to write the 'bigger' songs. "They are not songs that shy away from being sentimental and being emotional. We were trying to be an American indie band when we started. When I stopped doing that and started writing from my heart it all changed." *Snow Patrol are on at The O2 on Feb 10, 11 and 12. Tickets from £28.75. Book at www.theo2.co.uk or call Ticketmaster on 0844 856 0202*

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ROYAL RIVER: PAGEANTRY AND POWER
National Maritime Museum
April 27-Sept 9
Artefacts on loan from the Queen will feature in an historic exhibition to mark her diamond jubilee. The items from the Royal Collection will be on display as part of a major new exhibition uncovering the regal links to the Thames at the museum on Trafalgar Road. The exhibition will showcase hundreds of historic objects which illustrate the relationship between Britain's royal families and the River Thames. It's on in the museum's Sammy Ofer



wing which opened last year. It's one of the first major exhibitions at the newly-designated Royal Museums which include the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich Observatory and the Queen's House.

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GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 273

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.

For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at

www.greenwich.gov.uk

2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 15 February 2012 at midday and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 12 February 2012.

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
English 020 8921 4340

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

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- Home too big? ☐
- Looking for something smaller? ☐
- Clear rent account? ☐
- Want to move to the East Kent coast? ☐
- Council or Housing Association tenant? ☐

If you ticked yes to all the above then read on...

'Just Right' is a scheme that specialises in moving people to the East Kent coast, over the past 2 years we have been moving tenants to the **Cheriton, Dymchurch, Folkestone, Hythe and St Mary's Bay** areas. It has proved so popular that we extended the scheme and to **Herne Bay and Whitstable**.

If you are a tenant living in a council or housing association property with 4 or more bedrooms and need something smaller (1 or 2 bedrooms) this may be 'Just Right' for you. (You do not have to be over 60 years old to apply). Priority is given to those freeing up larger properties i.e. 4 & 5 bedroom properties and priority may also be given to those with a local connection i.e. family or work commitments.

Benefits of moving to a smaller property could include:-

- Less to clean
- Less to maintain
- No more stairs
- Less rent & council tax charges
- Better quality of life
- Assistance with your move
- Only an hour away (by train) from London

If you meet the above criteria and wish to register your interest in this great opportunity, please complete the slip below. We are expecting properties to be ready for moving into from February 2012.

YES, it could be for me! I wish to register my interest in the **'JUST RIGHT' Under Occupation Scheme**

Name: _____
Address: _____

Daytime Contact No: _____

Yes, I live in a property with 4 or more bedrooms and only need a 1 or 2 bedroom property.

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Only priority applicants can apply



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Ref Number: 151015
Altash Way SE9
3 Bed Parl House
Gdn Rad C/H
£115.31pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 151114
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Gdn Rad C/H
£103.08pw Bands A&B



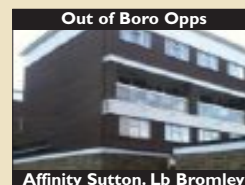
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£82.44pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 151181
Derrick Gardens SE7
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Gdn Rad C/H
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Ref Number: 151183
Macoma Road SE18
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£123.06pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 151194
Saltwood Close Orpington BR6
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No dogs
£156.93pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 151255
Ann Street SE18
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Entry phone Rad C/H
£72.17pw Bands A&B



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£84.40pw Bands A&B

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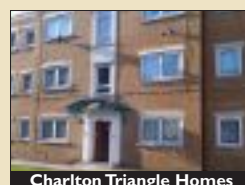
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Barnfield Gdns SE18
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
Min 1 child any age
£89.28pw Band C

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**



Ref Number: 151277
Pagoda Gardens SE3
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Unlifted
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Ref Number: 151336
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3 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
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Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 151196
John Wilson St SE18
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
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Ref Number: 151335
Langhorne House Springfield Grove SE7
3 Bed 1st Fl Flat Lifted
Ent ph Rad C/H No dogs
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£118.41pw Band C

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes.

For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team

020 8921 2941

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

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Two Person Properties

No Vacancies

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This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 270

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Tarves Way SE10 9JG	1	FLAT	598	11/06/2001	C
Mauritius Road SE10 0EQ	3	PARLOUR SE	150	31/07/2009	B
Sewell Road SE2 9BZ	3	MAISONETTE	316	15/02/2005	C
Dyson House Blackwall Lane SE10 0RD	3	FLAT	25	29/12/2010	B
Sibthorpe Road SE12 9DT	2	HOUSE	83	26/09/2006	C
Joan Crescent SE9 5RR	3	HOUSE	97	13/03/2010	B
Chalcombe Road SE2 9QP	2	FLAT	30	18/10/2011	B
Kingsman Street SE18 5PR	1	FLAT	500	24/06/2005	C
Ormsby Point Vincent Road SE18 6RN	1	FLAT	385	26/09/2005	C
Sowerby Close SE9 6EZ	1	FLAT	62	17/04/2008	B
Finchale Road SE2 9NZ	1	FLAT	383	28/04/2008	C
Keightley Drive SE9 2HL	2	FLAT	72	15/05/2009	B
Panfield Road SE2 9DQ	3	HOUSE	99	09/03/2009	A
Church Manorway SE2 9LX	3	HOUSE	83	19/01/2010	B
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QW	1	FLAT	48	30/06/2010	B
Chalcombe Road SE2 9QT	1	FLAT	51	31/01/2000	A
Egremont House Russet Way SE13 7NE	2	FLAT	316	18/08/2006	C
Humber Road SE3 7LU	2	MAISONETTE	82	25/08/2009	B
Pynham Close SE2 9QN	2	FLAT	30	22/12/2011	B

GreenwichHomes adverts

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For information or assistance

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Date: 08/02/2012

Steve Pallett - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity for Planning Applications

Applicant: Mr Sharp Virgin Media FLANK WALL OF 40 STOCKWELL STREET FRONTING BURNEY STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Prior Approval for the relocation of a telecommunications cabinet. Drawing Numbers: Allocated No: 001, 002, 003, 004 and 005. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	11/2579/F3	Applicant: Mrs H Vautier 27 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9RW Development: Installation of rear dormer window to garage roof. Drawing Numbers: 815-82 (Site Location Plan), 815-101, 815-102, Flood Risk Map and Design and Access Statement. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	12/0068/F
Applicant: Mr Schneek 1-4 CANAL WALK, MEADOWCOURT ROAD, BLACKHEATH, SE3 9DS Development: Retrospective change of use of 4 office units to provide 4 x 1-bed self contained apartments. Drawing Numbers: 115/02-100, 115/02-101, Design & Access Statement, Marketing Evidence and Covering Letter. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE	11/2757/F	Applicant: Ms M Gilles 28 MAUDSLAY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LJ Development: Formation of a chop bath and handstanding area. Drawing Numbers: 11000/001 P1, 11000/002 P2 and Design and Access Statement. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE	12/0091/F
Applicant: Mr Bateman 119 LEE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, SE3 9DZ Development: Construction of new boundary wall and gates, alterations to approved roofing material and installation of side window. Drawing Numbers: 001 Rev.P1 (Site Location Plan), 004 Rev.P1, 009 Rev.P1, 103 Rev.P2, 102 Rev.P1, 103 Rev.P1, 104 Rev.P1 and Design & Access Statement. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	11/2946/F	Applicant: Mr J Bishop 35 BLISSETT STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UP Development: Construction of a single storey rear wall extension. Drawing Numbers: PG/BL/35.01, 020, Design & Access Statement and Cover letter dated 3/1/12. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	12/0101/F
Applicant: Mr Daniel Dixon LAND AND GARAGES REAR OF 34 FOYLE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7RH Development: Demolition of existing garages and construction of 3x2-storey houses and one part 1/2-part 2-storey house all over basements. Drawing Numbers: Lp. 000E, Arboricultural Implications Report, Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey, Planning Statement (including PPS 5 Assessment), Design and Access Statement (including plans) and Letter dated 9th January 2012. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: WESTCOMBE PARK	11/3003/F	Applicant: Samantha Long 37 BLISSETT STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UP Development: Construction of a single storey rear wall extension. Drawing Numbers: PG/BL/37.01a, PG/BL/37.02a and Design & Access Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	12/0102/F
Applicant: Mr Majeed Tahir LAND REAR OF 90 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, LONDON, SE3 8RL Development: Erection of a three-bed two storey house, installation of a car stacker, provision of additional parking together with alterations to planning application 10/0033/F and amenity alterations to planning application (Ref: 10/2388/F). Drawing Numbers: 101/Rev.P2, 102/Rev.P2, 104/Rev.P2, 105/Rev.P2, 106/Rev.P1, 107/Rev.P1, Design and Access Statement, Drawing Issue Sheet, Arboricultural Report and Email dated 17 January 2012. Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, London, SE18 0RL Conservation Area: SUN IN THE SANDS	11/3036/F	Applicant: Virginie Karminski The Brunton Boobyer Partnership 20 VANBRUGH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AF Development: Submission of details pursuant to condition 1 (External Materials) and condition 2 (Replacement Tree) of planning permission dated 29/12/2011 (Ref: 11/2349/F). Drawing Numbers: 844/100, Drawing Specification, Photosheets and Cover Letter dated 5.1.2012. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH	12/0103/SD
Applicant: Russell Associates 157 BEXLEY ROAD, ELTHAM, SE9 2PR Development: Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a part 1/part 3/part 4-storey building to accommodate 48 student rooms and associated facilities. Drawing Numbers: 1122/01 (Site Location Plan), 1122/02, 1122/10, 1122/11, 1122/12, 1122/13, 1122/14, 1122/16 (Photos) and Design and Access Statement. Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE	11/3037/F	Applicant: Mrs C. Doneghey 42 DICKSON ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 6RF Development: Installation of replacement upper window and door. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing No: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, Photosheets XS and Site Plan. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE	12/0106/F
Applicant: Greenwich Borough Council 191 PLUM LANE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3HQ Development: Replacement of existing doors with new hardwood sash doors. Drawing Numbers: Dec. 001, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 16 January 2011. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE	11/3054/F	Applicant: English Heritage THE WALLED GARDEN, THE RANGER'S HOUSE, CHESTERFIELD WALK, BLACKHEATH, SE3 Development: Installation of a marquee to offer corporate hospitality for a temporary period from Saturday 28 July 2012 to Saturday 11 August 2012. (THIS IS A DEPARTURE FROM THE UNDARI DEVELOPMENT PLAN) Drawing Numbers: Design and Access Statement, Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and Site Plan. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK	12/0107/F
Applicant: Greenwich Borough Council 44 HEREWORTH DRIVE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EE Development: Replacement of existing doors with new hardwood sash doors. Drawing Numbers: Dec. 001 and Letter dated 14th December 2011. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE	11/3055/F	Applicant: Mrs H Vautier 27 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9RW Development: Installation of rear dormer window to garage roof. Drawing Numbers: 815-82 (Site Location Plan), 815-101, 815-102, Flood Risk Map and Design and Access Statement. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	12/0069/L
Applicant: Mrs E Peters FLAT 1, 14 VANBRUGH HILL, BLACKHEATH, SE3 7UF Development: Construction of a 2-storey rear extension. Drawing Numbers: 100/001/2012 (Block Plan), 100/002/2012, 100/003/2012 (Site Location Plan), Allocated Drawing No. 001, 002, Brochure and Design and Access Statement. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: WESTCOMBE PARK	12/0018/F	Applicant: Mr R. Haylett 59 HYDE VALE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QQ Development: Retention of replacement timber windows on first and third floor front elevation. Drawing Numbers: Allocated No: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, Design & Access Statement, Photosheets and Site Plan. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	12/0186/L
Applicant: Mr Mike Neill Greenwich Council COTTY SARK GARDENS, KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Variation of condition 3 of planning permission ref: 10/2816/F to allow building works to take place Monday to Friday from 8.00 am - 6.30 pm, Saturdays from 8.00 am - 5.00 pm and Sundays from 8.00 am - 5.00 pm (with restricted activities). Drawing Numbers: Application Form only Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	12/0058/V	Applicant: Mr Daniel Dixon LAND AND GARAGES REAR OF 34 FOYLE ROAD, BLACKHEATH Development: Demolition of existing garages and erection of 3 x 4 bedroom houses at two storeys and 1 x 3 bedroom house at part one part two storeys, all over basements. Drawing Numbers: Lp. 000E, Arboricultural Implications Report, Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey, Planning Statement (including PPS 5 Assessment), Design and Access Statement (including plans) and Letter dated 9th January 2012. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: WESTCOMBE PARK	11/3004/C

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Royal-tee at Eltham

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The club was founded in 1608 but was probably playing regularly on Blackheath itself from 1603. "We're really a Scottish club," said John. "All our connections are Scottish, dating back to James I. We celebrated our 400th birthday in 2008."

"They were already playing golf in Scotland and obviously needed somewhere to play down here. They had a palace in Greenwich and a nice bit of land at the top of it, Blackheath."

"The Royal connection is good because there are 36 other royal clubs and we do have get-togethers. Lots of them turned up to our 400th birthday celebrations."

The club has its own museum and John says: "Even the R & A (the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St Andrew's), which is the governor, was impressed. Their museum is for all golf but ours is for just one club."

Despite its connections, the club prides itself in being "inclusive and open to all". John, a retired paper merchant said: "Before I joined I wondered if it was the place for me. It used to be privileged but now we have the most mixed type of membership and it works."

● FIND out more about the Royal Blackheath Golf Club at www.royalblackheath.com

JJ is No.1!

New Eltham fencer takes top spot!

by Peter Cordwell

MAKE room at the top – JJ's moving in!

Jonathan "JJ" Webb, is the official British No. 1 Under 17 sabre fencer after another fantastic result in the London International tournament on Saturday, January 28.

The New Eltham fencer – who won't be 16 until next month – qualified for the World Championships in Moscow in early April by finishing seventh in a world class field of 130 competitors from 22 nations. He will also compete in the European Championships in Croatia in March.

It was the last

cadet selection competition of the season and confirms JJ's No.1 ranking and a place in the GB team for the under 17 World championships.

He went into the London international knowing he had a good lead in the British rankings but knew he needed a good result to secure a top three place and selection for the worlds.

JJ started strongly, winning all his opening six bouts and ranking him fifth overall going into the direct eliminator rounds where he came up against two Italians.

JJ won both bouts 15/8 and 15/11, putting him into the last 32. Then he came up against the strong Ukrainian, Voronov, but won a nail-biting bout 15-14 result. Ironically, Voronov stayed in the tournament and went on to take the gold.

It was two USA fencers next - Pak and Mackiewicz. JJ lost the first bout to Pak but won the second one 15-11 against Mackiewicz, putting him through to the quarter-finals.

He met another USA fencer and lost 15-10 after being 10-10 at one stage. The American made the final against Voronov as JJ finished seventh.

JJ told GT: "I have achieved all my goals for this season. It was all about making the European and World championships. The British No. 1 slot is a great bonus, knowing that I still have next year in this age group."

"Now I can only train hard and give it my best shot for this year's Europeans and World championships. I'm lucky that my coach Rob partridge is also one of the Under 17 GB coaches and he will be with me at the championships."

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The golf club
that's had its
prefix since

by Peter Cordwell

FOR one sporting organisation in the new Royal Borough of Greenwich, celebrations around the new status were inevitably cooler than most because they'd already been there and done it - 111 years ago, to be precise.

The Royal Blackheath Golf Club in Court Road - between Royal Eltham and Royal Motttingham - has enjoyed the Royal prefix for so long that it's part of the furniture.

"Greenwich's status as a Royal Borough is overdue, I would suggest," said club captain John Burgess.

"Actually I dug out the date that we became a royal club. It came from Edward VIII on July 16, 1901.

"What we had done, like a lot of people, we cheated, we called ourselves royal a long time before we were. Hospitals did, pubs, and the Crown liked it, it was very popular."

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